

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended): A process Process for modifying the crystal habit of an acicular drug substance comprising suspending said crystalline drug substance in a solvent system having an effect on the crystal habit and subjecting said suspension to a temperature oscillation.

Claim 2. (Currently amended): A process Process for recrystallising an acicular drug substance comprising suspending said crystals in a solvent system having an effect on the crystal habit and subjecting said suspension to a temperature oscillation.

Claim 3. (Currently amended): A process Process according to claim 1-~~or~~-2 wherein the crystal habit is modified in that the mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals is smaller than about 10:1.

Claim 4. (Currently amended): A process Process according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-3 wherein the drug substance after temperature oscillation has a bulk density of about above 200 kg/m³.

Claim 5. (Currently amended): A process Process according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 wherein the temperature oscillation is in form of a zig-zag curve.

Claim 6. (Currently amended): A process according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1-~~to~~-5 for producing crystals having ~~wherein the crystals produced have~~ a mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals smaller than about 10:1 or a bulk density of about 200 kg/m³.

Claim 7. (Original): Crystals of an acicular drug substance with an aspect ratio of about 10:1 to 1:1 and/or a bulk density of above about 200 kg/m³.

Claim 8. (Original): Crystals according to claim 7 wherein the acicular drug substance is mycophenolic acid, or a mycophenolate salt.

Claim 9. (Currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition, e.g. in the form of tablets, comprising crystals of claim 7-~~or~~-8 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 10. (Original): Crystals of claim 8 for use as a pharmaceutical.

Claim 11. (Original): A crystal modification of mycophenolic acid or mycophenolate sodium having one of the following characteristic crystal structures, determined by means of an X-ray single crystal analysis, or having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern as defined below:

a) mycophenolate sodium anhydrate, modification A;

crystal system: monoclinic
space group: P2₁/c
a: 16.544(4)
b: 4.477(1)
c: 21.993(3)
 β : 92.14(1) $^{\circ}$
V: 1627.8(6)
Z: 4
cal. Density: 1.397 g/cm³

b) mycophenolate sodium hydrate;

having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 2;

c) hemisalt of mycophenolate sodium anhydrate;

crystal system: triclinic
space group: P-1
a: 11.172(6)
b: 12.020(6)
c: 13.441(2)
 α : 73.09(7) $^{\circ}$
 β : 71.79(6) $^{\circ}$
Y: 84.63(6) $^{\circ}$
V: 1641(2)
Z: 2

d) mycophenolate sodium methanol solvate;

crystal system: triclinic
space group: P-1
a: 7.761
b: 9.588
c: 14.094
 α : 109.96 $^{\circ}$
 β : 95.99 $^{\circ}$
Y: 83.05 $^{\circ}$
V: 976.3
Z: 2

e) mycophenolate sodium methanol solvate II;

crystal system: triclinic
space group: P-1

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| a: | 9.179 |
| b: | 10.724 |
| c: | 12.098 |
| α : | 113.27 ° |
| β : | 101.76 ° |
| γ : | 104.44 ° |
| V: | 996.4 |
| Z: | 2 |

- f) mycophenolate disodium salt, monohydrate;
 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 6;
- g) mycophenolate disodium salt, pentahydrate;
 crystal system: monoclinic
 space group: P 2₁/c,
 a: 14.495
 b: 17.613
 c: 8.401
 β : 97.15 °
 V: 2128
 Z: 4
- h) mycophenolic acid;
 crystal system: triclinic
 space group: P -1
 a: 7.342
 b: 9.552
 c: 11.643
 α : 102.70 °
 β : 90.89 °
 γ : 90.74 °
 V: 796.3
 Z: 2
- i) mycophenolate sodium hydrate form B;
 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 10;
- j) mycophenolate sodium hydrate form C;
 having an X-ray powder diffraction pattern with characteristic signals substantially the same as those shown in Figure 12;

Claim 12. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the crystal habit is modified in that the mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals is smaller than about 10:1.

Claim 13. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the drug substance after temperature oscillation has a bulk density of about above 200 kg/m³.

Claim 14. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the temperature oscillation is in form of a zig-zag curve.

Claim 15. (New): A process according to claim 2 wherein the crystals produced have a mean aspect ratio of the processed crystals smaller than about 10:1 or a bulk density of about 200 kg/m³.

Claim 16. (New): A pharmaceutical composition in the form of tablets, comprising crystals of claim 2 in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.